

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
December 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #391 was held in the conference room of the District Office on December 9, 2009. Board members present were George Blickenstaff, Bob Stovern, Thad Samuelson, and Scott Gibbs. Also present were Superintendent Pommerening, Clerk Rinaldi, and others as listed on the attached register.

Chairman Blickenstaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed Mr. Pfeifer's government class.

A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Scott Gibbs to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. All in favor the motion carried.

Business Manager Rinaldi stated that the Brad Lewis, district auditor, had discussed the situation with the district holding stock. This is an investment not typically allowed for school districts. The stock was gifted to the district with the stipulation that all dividends be used for a scholarship. The stock amount is under \$5000 and thus is considered immaterial. With board approval, the district can continue to retain the stock and use the dividends as intended. Ms. Rinaldi recommends the board approve this action. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to approve the retention of the stock and continue using the dividends as stipulated for the Parsons' Scholarship. All in favor the motion carried.

A recommendation was made by Scott Gibbs to approve November bills paid in the amount of \$544,928.03. A motion was made by Scott Gibbs, seconded by Bob Stovern, to approve the bills as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the need to appoint a trustee for Zone 2. Chairman Blickenstaff stated that Susan Costa had indicated interest in the position. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Thad Samuelson to appoint Susan Costa as Trustee for Zone 2. All in favor the motion carried.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that since Mrs. Costa wasn't present we would table item 7 and 8 to the next board meeting. Thad Samuelson asked to be placed on the financial advisory committee.

Bonnie Farmin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, was unable to be present to discuss her written report as she is attending a conference in Portland. Superintendent Pommerening asked the board members if there were any questions and there were none.

Simon Miller, technology coordinator, was not present to discuss his written report. The board members asked about report cards and the family access connection. Paul Currie stated that more parents are using this system than the previous system.

Dr. Christy Castro, Special Services Director, was present to discuss her written report. She stated that she will have the December 1 head count for the board at the

January meeting. There were special education teachers from the Silver Valley Cooperative attending assistive technology training.

Melanie Joslyn, teacher at Canyon Elementary School, was present to discuss the improvement process at the school. She had a slide show that illustrated a field trip and different activities the students participated in. The emphasis was on rocks and soil. After the holidays the students will start a worm bin. The students shared comments on the different scientific. Their motto is "Canyon - where students learn to think like a scientist."

Superintendent Pommerening asked the board members to formally approve the decision she made to approve a high school field trip where timing saved them considerable expense. A motion was made by Bob Stovern, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the November field trip. All in favor the motion carried.

There were five open enrollment requests with recommendations from the building administrators. A motion was made by Thad Samuelson, seconded by Scott Gibbs to approve the five requests as recommended. All in favor the motion carried.

Under miscellaneous business: Superintendent Pommerening pointed out the letter of commendation from the City of Kellogg to the Kellogg Middle School National Junior Honor Society for volunteer help with the decoration of the city.

Superintendent Pommerening discussed the water rights application for the district's three wells.

Superintendent Pommerening stated that a copy of the Quit Claim deed was in the board packets from DEQ which was recently filed.

Superintendent Pommerening reminded the board members of the ISBA SPEAK meeting with legislators on December 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Midtown Center.

Chairman Blickenstaff stated that he had received a letter from the mayor concerning Teeters Field. The board recommended we set up a board workshop with Tim Etherton to discuss our desired actions concerning the lease of Teeters Field.

Unscheduled Delegation: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Clerk

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Board Chairman